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The Honorable Kenneth B. Horn Chair, Michigan House Energy & Technology Committee Anderson House Office Building N-1198, House Office Building PO Box 30014 Lansing, MI 48933

Dear Mr. Chairman:

On behalf of the members of the Michigan Business and Professional Association, we ask that you support the passage of House Bill 4314 to modernize the Michigan Telecommunications Act. Michigan is at the cutting edge of a transition to innovation and is leading with our technology. In order for us to attract investment and innovation, passage of House Bill 4314 is critical.

So many times we hear how Michigan is not competitive in the market. We feel that this bill will help Michigan in the race for jobs and investment. We don't want neighboring states such as Indiana to have an advantage in our recovery efforts.

In addition we feel this legislation will maintain consumer protections, protects necessary functions such as 911 and remove unnecessary regulations prohibiting innovation. Please give this bill your due diligence and attention for helping move the State of Michigan forward.

Sincerely,

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